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SUBJECT: CONSULAR RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND EAST
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

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HOLD FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. YOU MAY INFORM PORTUGUESE REP, IN ANSWER TO QUERY
REFTEL, THAT WE HAVE NO "REACTION" TO POSSIBILITY OF
NEGOTIATION OF CONSULAR CONVENTIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND
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THE USSR, ROMANIA, AND BULGARIA, CONSIDERING THIS TO BE

A TECHNICAL MATTER BETWEEN THE PARTIES INVOLVED.
DESCRIPTIONS OF US EXPERIENCE WITH THREE COUNTRIES RE
CONSULAR CONVENTIONS FOLLOW:

2. US-USSR CONSULAR CONVENTION

THE US-SOVIET TREATY WAS SIGNED IN 1964 AFTER LONG
NEGOTIATIONS AND RATIFIED BY THE US IN 1967 AND THE
USSR IN 1968. THE MAIN US EFFORT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS
WAS TO OBTAIN FIRM COMMITMENTS ON TREATMENT OF US
CITIZENS ARRESTED OR DETAINED IN THE USSR. AFTER
CONSIDERABLE RESISTANCE SOVIETS AGREED TO NOTIFY US OF

DETENTION OF US CITIZEN WITHIN 1-2 DAYS AND PERMIT
CONSULAR ACCESS IN 3-5 DAYS, WHICH HAS BEEN PATTERN
OF SUBSEQUENT CONSULAR TREATIES NEGOTIATED BY WESTERN
COUNTRIES WITH USSR. SOVIET EFFORTS WERE AIMED AT
GAINING RECOGNITION OF THEIR ROLE IN ESTATE CASES AND OTHER
CONSULAR MATTERS AND OBTAINING FULL IMMUNITY FOR
CONSULAR EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS OFFICERS. UNDER THIS
CONVENTION GUIDELINES FOR OPERATION OF CONSULATES
WERE AGREED UPON BUT IT WAS SPECIFIED THAT SEPARATE
NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE ANY
CONSULATES COULD BE OPENED AND THAT THIS WOULD BE
SIMULTANEOUS. IN FACT FIRST CONSULATES OPENED WERE IN
SAN FRANCISCO AND LENINGRAD IN 1973. COPIES OF TEXTS
OF US-USSR CONVENTION BEING POUCHED USNATO AND
EMBASSY LISBON.

3. THE US HAS SIGNED CONSULAR CONVENTIONS WITH
BULGARIA, HUNGARY, POLAND, AND ROMANIA WHICH ARE
SIMILAR WITH ONLY MINOR DIFFERENCES FROM COUNTRY TO
COUNTRY. AGREEMENT WITH YUGOSLAVIA DATES FROM LAST
CENTURY. COPIES OF CONSULAR CONVENTIONS WITH POLAND
AND ROMANIA BEING POUCHED LISBON. BULGARIAN AGREEMENT
CONCLUDED LAST SPRING AND NOT YET AVAILABLE IN
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